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Hopi Chairman, Vice Chairman encourage people to vote in Nov. 2 General Election

Hopi voter turnout very low

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. – Hopi Tribal Chairman LeRoy N. Shingoitewa and Vice Chairman Herman G. Honanie are encouraging registered Hopi voters to get out and vote for various candidates and propositions in the upcoming Arizona General Election scheduled on Nov. 2.

Karen L. Balenquah-Shupla, Hopi Tribal Registrar, explained that Hopi voter turnout is very low. Only 113 of the 2,229 registered Hopi voters casted their ballots during a May 18 special election in Navajo County.

Vice Chairman Honanie would like to see a higher voter turnout this upcoming election.

“We need to place an emphasis on getting people registered to vote,” Honanie said. “All issues discussed and approved at the state and federal levels have a big impact on our tribal programs and services. We need to vote people into office, those who will understand our unique issues and those who will advocate on our behalf. We need all Hopi people to get involved by voting to make an impact on our services.”

The Hopi Reservation has a total of four precincts that will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. The precincts are:

- Precinct #19 Keams Canyon, located at the BIA Hopi Agency
- Precinct # 24 Oraibi, located at the Kykotsmovi Community Center
- Precinct # 30 Polacca, located at the First Mesa Consolidated Village Community Center
- Precinct # 40 Toreva, located at the Sipaulovi/Misungnovi Community Center

Voters are required to show picture identification in order to vote. Acceptable forms of identification include a valid Arizona driver's license, a tribal enrollment card or a valid U.S. federal, state or local government-issued identification card. Voters will not be turned away at the polls.

According to the Arizona Secretary of State's website, if you do not have an ID with a photograph that bears your name and address, you may present two items:

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election. A utility bill for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence

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- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Arizona vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government-issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the County Recorder
- Any mailing to the elector marked "Official Election Material"

Poll workers will be available to assist voters at the polls. For more information, contact the Navajo County Recorder's office at 800-668-3867 or the Hopi Elections Office at 928-734-2507. You may also access the Arizona Secretary of State's website at www.azsos.gov/election.

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